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Alltel Communications and its wholly owned subsidiary WWC License, LLC -RE:

Arbitration consolidation

SDPUC Docket File Numbers TC 06-036 thru TC 06-042

GPGN File No. 5925.060285

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RE:

In the Matter of the Petitions of Golden West companies for Arbitration Pursuant to the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to Resolve Issues relation to Interconnection with WWC License, L.L.C. - Arbitration consolidation SDPUC Docket File Numbers TC 06-036 thru TC 06-042 GPGN File No. 5925.060285

OHE File PUC 6-06

Dear Ms. Johnson:

Enclosed you will find the Objection to the Affidavit Striking the Hearing Officers submitted by Ms. Moore on behalf of the Golden West companies, Petitioners in the above-entitled matter.

If you have any questions, please call me.

Sincerely,

Talbot J. Wieczorek

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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF:	DOCKET NOs:
Armour Independent Telephone Company	(TC06-036)
Bridgewater-Canistota Independent Telephone Company	(TC06-037)
Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc.	(TC06-038)
Kadoka Telephone Co.	(TC06-039)
Sioux Valley Telephone Co.	(TC06-040)
Union Telephone Co.	(TC06-041)
Vivian Telephone Co.	(TC06-042)

FOR ARBITRATION PURSUANT TO THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996 TO RESOLVE ISSUES RELATING TO INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENTS WITH WWC LICENSE, L.L.C.

### OBJECTION TO AFFIDAVIT FILED BY THE PETITIONERS

WWC License LLC, hereby submits its objection to the Affidavit submitted by Petitioners' counsel. SDCL § 1-26D-10 allows a party to strike a hearing examiner. By the affidavit submitted by the Golden West companies' counsel, they are seeking to strike two hearing examiners. SDCL § 1-26D-10 does not allow the striking of two hearing examiners, but only one.

For these reasons, the Office of Hearing Examiners should request clarification of the individual hearing examiner that the Petitioners are seeking to strike and limit the Affidavit accordingly.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of August, 2006.

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